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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

#### **Remarks by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas On the Passing of USC President Emeritus Steven Sample**

"I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of USC President Emeritus Steven Sample, a visionary educator and friend.

"Under his exemplary leadership, USC rose dramatically in academic rankings to become one of the nation's elite universities. His writings on civic engagement have greatly inspired me in my work as a public servant. I will always be grateful that he chaired my transition team when I was elected to the Board of Supervisors.

"On a personal note, I will always cherish our friendship, which spanned more than 25 years. I offer my deepest condolences to his wife, Kathryn, their family, and all my fellow Trojans."

*\* Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas completed a Ph.D. in Social Ethics at USC in 1989.*

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